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(b) & (c) Even if such petitions have been received that fact alone would not justify the Government in issuing the orders suggested. Inspection will be necessary and the preparation of estimates. The Government have no reason to suppose that the local authorities are not taking such steps but the question and the answer will be forwarded to the Collector.

Land Revenue

Transfers of Revenue Divisional Officers of Nuzvid and Bezwada.

* 1833 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many transfers have been made of the Revenue Divisional Officers of Nuzvid and Bezwada divisions since 1st January 1927 up to this time; and

(b) why so many transfers were made?

A.—(a) (1) Three for Nuzvid division.

(2) No transfer was made for Bezwada division. The Sub-Collector (Mr. Chandran) was on leave for two weeks from 30th May to 13th June 1927, when the Deputy Collector, Nuzvid, was in additional charge. Mr. Chandran returned to the division on 14th June 1927 and continues there.

(b) As regards Bezwada division the answer is in clause (a) above. As regards Nuzvid division the first change was because the incumbent went on leave. His successor was moved as an officer trained for treasury charge was required for a Tamil district and a transfer had to be made from somewhere. The officer at Nuzvid was chosen as he was a Tamil who had asked for a transfer to a Tamil district. The third transfer was made as part of the arrangements to provide a senior officer and one who had no local connections for the Bandar division. The fact that the officer originally posted to that division had local connections was unfortunately overlooked when the posting was made.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI:—"Will the Government be pleased not to pursue the policy of frequent transfer of the Revenue Divisional Officers?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It is not the policy of the Government though it may be forced to pursue that course sometimes."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what steps have been taken to prevent recurrences of the unfortunate overlooking referred to in the last sentence?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"No special steps except greater vigilance."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Any notice taken of the authority responsible for it?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I fear Government itself was responsible."